laboratory Scale work for preparation of RU 486. No application has been received by Government for its commercial use.

(d) Due precautions will be taken to prevent its misuse as and when permission for commercial production and distribution is given.

Centre Approves irradiated Food

3367. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Observer dated 20th November, 1992 under the caption Centre approves irradiated food";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the details of the proposal approved;

(c) the details approved and coverage of the items along with the implications; and

(d) the details of administrative and legislative action taken/proposed to be taken for implementation of the proposal in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) This Ministry has published draft rules on food irradiation for inviting public comments.

The draft rules provide irradiation of onion, spices and potatoes and contain details with respect to process of irradiation, licensing and labelling of irradiated food.

ICMR plants Over Fluoride Debate

3368. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 27th September, 1992 under the caption "ICMR plants over fluoride debate";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard to the observations made therein and the facts of the matter, and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The said news item 'ICMR paints over fluoride debate' appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th September, 1992.

(b) and (c) the decision in this regard can only be taken after a report has been submitted by the committee constituted to examine the matter.

Complaint Against Director, Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi

3369. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Food Inspectors and local (Health) authorities of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi have complained on 21st October, 1992 against Director (PFA) for his unreasonable behaviour and his compulsion to follow illegal sampling procedure; and

(b) if so, action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration have informed that a representation was received by the Director (PFA) on 21.10.92 from the Food Inspectors and Local (Health) Authorities of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi, in connection with carrying out instructions to cover maximum shops/ vendors to make optimum utilisation of staff during the period of Diwali festival.

Affairs of Homoeo college

3370. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stated:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Times of India of September, 15, 1992, captioned "Homoeo College faces uncertain future";

(b) if so, what action Government have taken/propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Management of the college is charging capitation fee/donation of Rs. 50,000/- from the students at the time of admission; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Dr. B.R. Sur Homoeopathic College is run by a charitable trust and is recognised by Delhi Administration. The Chairman of the trust has informed Delhi Administration that no capitation fee has been charged but donations have been accepted. In regard to lack of facilities and other points raised in the news item the Delhi Administration has already initiated necessary action to improve functioning of this institution. The Delhi Administration have also informed that in case any specific complaint are received about charging of capitation fee from students necessary action will be taken in consultation with Delhi Board of Homoeopathic medicines and Central Council of Homoeopathy.

Research on ISCADOR for Malignants Diseases

3371. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISCADOR is still being tried in Malignants diseases in any of the Institutes of Central Council of Homoeopathy for Research; and

(b) is so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DLVI SIDDHARTHA):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant of Non-Practising Allowance

3372. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2103 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of the existing orders; and

(b) what action Government have taken on the representation from the Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital Teaching Staff Association for grant of non-practising allowance which was referred by Delhi Administration to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND